

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections contained in the Office Action of December 31, 2008 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to the original specification due to various informalities. In particular, the spacing of the lines in the specification made the text difficult to read, and the original specification lacked the necessary section headings. In order to address these matters and to make additional editorial corrections, the entire specification has now been reviewed and revised. For the Examiner's benefit, a marked-up copy of the specification indicating the changes made thereto is also enclosed. No new matter has been added by the revisions. Entry of the substitute specification is thus respectfully requested. In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's objections to the original specification have been overcome.

The Examiner rejected all of original claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner noted that the original claims contained numerous examples of informal or narrative language that rendered the scope of the original claims indefinite. Consequently, the original claims have now been cancelled and replaced with new claims 21-40. All of the new claims have been drafted in order to address the specific examples of informal language identified by the Examiner, and in an effort to comply with all of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's formal rejections under § 112 are not applicable to the new claims.

The Examiner also indicated that original claims 1-20 contain allowable subject matter. Therefore, because new claims 21-40 have been drafted simply in order to place the original claims in a preferred form, and no attempt has been made to modify the scope of the original claims, it is submitted that all of the new claims are also patentable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

Heinrich MARTI et al.

By: 

W. Douglas Hahm
Registration No. 44,142
Attorney for Applicants

WDH/eca
Washington, D.C. 20005-1503
Telephone (202) 721-8200
Facsimile (202) 721-8250
March 31, 2009